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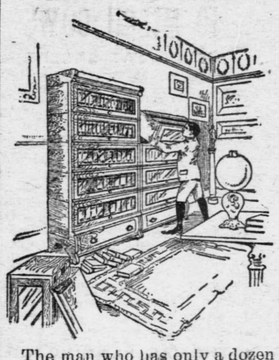
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Subject to Decision of Republican Party.

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6th Senatorial District,
St. Georges and Pencader Hundreds,
THOS. E. HURN,
of St. Georges Hundred,
Subject to Decision of Republican Party.

FOR ASSESSOR
St. Georges Hundred, 1901.
JOSEPH H. DENNY
of Port Penn.
Subject to Decision of Republican Party.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
To the Sheriff of New Castle County, Greeting:
Whereas, Mary A. Warrick by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, [Seal] for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Benjamin F. Warrick.
We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded that you summon Benjamin F. Warrick that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Nineteenth day of September next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary A. Warrick according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.
And have you then there this writ.
Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Sixth day of July A. D. nineteen hundred and four.
FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued July 14th, 1904. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.
To the Sheriff of New Castle County, Greeting:—
Whereas, Ella J. Parker by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, [Seal] for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Ryal C. Parker.
We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Ryal C. Parker, that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Nineteenth day of September next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Ella J. Parker, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.
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REGISTER'S ORDER,
REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., July 23, 1904.
Upon the application of W. Rose Parker, Administrator of Henry C. DeVallinger, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.
Given under the hand and seal of [SEAL] office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written
FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the twenty third day of July A. D. 1904, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrator on or before the twenty-third day of July, 1905, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.
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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30th.

MANY people assembled at the R. R. Station on Thursday evening last, at 6 o'clock, to catch a glimpse of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt upon the event of their mid-summer return to the capital. His speech of acceptance the day before, at Oyster Bay, had given general and genuine satisfaction to all Republicans, for its directness of statement, its sincerity, its modesty, and the manner in which were expressed his own views and the politics of the Republican party. As usual the President shook hands with the engineers who had brought him safely over the road, and was at once driven to the White House, fragrant with flowers, where dinner was immediately served. Yesterday many prominent politicians paid their respects, and the campaign being open, considerable information was made public. Senator Proctor of Vermont, who is not at all worried over the strike at his marble quarries, told the President the Green Mountain state would roll up a majority of 25,000; and that Secretary Wilson of the Dept. of Agriculture, and Speaker Cannon, will take the stump about the middle of August. A better choice of speakers for the farmers of Vermont could hardly be made. Proctor, Wilson and Cannon are much alike and are plain, earnest and impressive speakers. Gen. Howard, who also lives in Vermont, told the President that he will speak during this campaign as he did for McKinley in 1896.

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A Cabinet meeting was held at 11 o'clock yesterday, all the ministers being present excepy Hay, Taft and Hitchcock. These gentlemen will return to town in season for the important meeting which is to be held next week. Postmaster Gen. Payne appeared to be in excellent health and spirits. He is perfectly confident that Wisconsin will be found in the Republican column. Secretary Shaw will not call upon the national banks for their Government deposits. He has $28,000,000 and thinks that is a good working balance. Secretary Morton discussed with the President who should be made chief of the Bureau of navagation in place of Admiral Taylor who died a few days ago. The names of Robley D. Evans and Capt. Davis have been mentioned in connection with the vacancy. The Secretary has ordered the American fleet, now in European waters, to return home, and it may be expected about Sept. 1st. Early in August Secretary Morton contemplates visiting the navy yards, from Norfolk to Portsmouth, N. H. He will make the trip in the Dolphin, and take his family with him.

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Nearly every young man of social position in Washington expects to serve two or three years in the National Guard of the District, and reach at least the grade of First Lieutenant. For the past week there has been much activity at the local armories making ready for the encampment at Harper's Ferry, which will continue from Aug. 1st to the 13th. The camp is near the junction of the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers, and there will be an excellent opportunity to learn the art of swimming. The departure of the boys for Virginia reminds your correspondent of a unique incident which he witnessed at the beginning of the war with Spain. Suddenly all the District militia was ordered to go into camp in the grounds of the Soldier's Home, some three miles north of the city. Their departure was witnessed by an immense crowd which assembled in the vicinity of the Center Market Armory. There was the usual weeping, kissing and handshaking, for some thought the boys would soon be on the battle field. They tramped up Seventh street to the grounds of the Home, only to find the gates locked and admittance refused. Finally the old soldier on guard let them inside. There were no preparations for sleeping on the sodden tufr; no tents; no beds; nothing to eat. For one night the boys slept under a wet moon with the sky for a blanket, and mosquitoes for companions. The next day they came back to town, band playing and flags flying, disgusted and disgruntled. Quite a number resignations followed. They doubted the wisdom of going to war with officers capable of making war so cruel.

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When the late Wm. C. Whitney was Secretary of the Navy, and kept open house on K street, entertaining lavishly, and treating all of his servants very generously, as well as kindly remembering the employes of the department over which he presided, people wondered how he made his great fortune and of what it consisted. His wife was a Miss Payne, of Cleveland Ohio, daughter of Judge, and afterwards Senator, Payne, and sister of Col. Oliver Payne, who is a Standard Oil Magnate. Much of the fortune came with the wife. A list of the taxable property which he left shows that he owned Standard Oil shares to the amount of $7,078,400; and Consolidated Tobacca shares to the amount of $4,730,950. Altogether his stock holdings amounted to $17,208,060, and his entire fortune is listed at $21,243,101. No wonder he could afford to be bountiful. He gave $5,000 to have his little daughter christened; and he wore a $1,700 black pearl scarf pin. His income from monopolies was princely.

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Interesting department news is made public each week, for however high the mercury climbs and wherever Cabinet Ministers may be taking an outing, the business of the executive branch of the government goes on forever. The Post Office department announces that the parcels post has been extended to China, and after August 1st., packages not exceeding $50 in value can be sent to far Cathay. The Navy Department will soon accept bids for $1,000,000 worth of armor plate. The Government is now engaged in building more than thirty war ships. Secretary Metcalf, has issued a "railroad accident bulletin," which shows that for the quarter ending the 31st of last March, 919 persons were killed on the railroads of this country, while 12,444 were injured. This is at the rate of nearly 150 for each day, an awful and appalling record. The damage to railroad property for the same period was $2,256,477. Secretary Shaw estimates the deficit in the U. S. Treasury for July at $21,000,000. He remarks that a couple of years ago he said a very high standard of business would be necessary to enable the present revenue laws to yield enough to meet the large expenditures of the government. Like everything else business fluctuates; the lean years follow the fat. With the great demand Europe is sure to make for the coming American crops of staples, a larger exportation will take place in the autumn, with a correspondingly increased importation of old world goods, and a larger revenue from imposts.

FIVE CONTESTS FOR DELEGATES

All Arrangements Completed for Delegate Primaries Monday

POLLS OPEN FROM 4 TO 6 P. M.

All arrangements have been completed for the Republican primaries to be held on Monday next, when delegates will be elected for the State Convention to be held at Dover on the following day. At this convention electors and State officers will be named.

At the primaries next Monday there will be but five contests as follows: First and Second Election districts of White Clay Creek hundred, Pencader hundred Second district of Red Lion hundred and Appoquinimink hundred.

The names that have been filed with Secretary Jolls of the County Committee to be voted for at the primaries in the various hundreds follow:

Brandywine Hundred
First Election District.
Delegates: Alternates.
Charles W. Pusey. Harry L. Evans.
(Vote for 1.)

Second Election District.
F. Harvey Day. L. Scott Townsend.
(Vote for 1.)

Third Election District.
Frederick E. Stone. Harry M. Perkins.
William Duncan. Franklin Paschall.
(Vote for 2.)

Christiana Hundred
First Election District.
Ephraim Myers. William R. Flinn.
(Vote for 1.)

Second Election District.
Reuben Satterthwaite, Jr. Geo. K. Ball.
Richard T. Pilling. John A. Crouch.
(Vote for 2.)

Second Election District.
John Ball. John T. Pierson.
Geo. S. Thompson. W. Frank Taylor.
(Vote for 2.)

Third Election District.
Harvey J. Davis. J. Leslie Eastburn.
(Vote for 1.)

White Clay Creek Hundred
First Election District.
John A. Conahan. Geo. T. Johnson.
F. William Curtis. Geo. L. Spence.
(Vote for 1.)

Second Election District.
Robert J. Morrison. Jonathan Johnson.
Samuel J. Wright. George L. Medill.
(Vote for 1.)

Third Election District.
David Appleby. William Chandler.
(Vote for 1.)

New Castle Hundred
William S. Hilles. Charles Appleby.
Robert C. Gordon. John M. Hance.
A. V. Leslie George. Elwood L. Wilson.
John Thompson. George Miller.
Paul Gillis. Charles Blackburn.
(Vote for 5.)

Pencader Hundred
John W. Davis. Geo. S. Butterworth.
Henry C. Ellison. Harry McCormick.
Zachary T. Harris. Edward Walton.
Harry McCormick.
Eugene E. Paxson.
Richard Whittingham.
(Vote for 3.)

Red Lion Hundred
First Election District.
William T. Vail, Charles W. Pancoast, James H. Clark, Harry C. Clark.
(Vote for 2.)

Second Election District.
John W. Dewitt, L. Frank Ellison, Miles Clark, William B. Lester.
(Vote for 1.)

St. Georges Hundred
First Election District.
George L. Townsend, Daniel W. Corbit.
(Vote for 1.)

Second Election District.
Robert S. Carpenter, Joseph H. Denny.
(Vote for 1.)

Third Election District.
Martin B. Burris, Joseph Parker, Frank R. Pool, Joseph C. Jolls.
(Vote for 2.)

Fourth Election District.
Walter Beasten, Harry D. Howell.
(Vote for 1.)

Appoquinimink Hundred
James K. Adams, Purnell S. Daniels, Thomas A. Enos, Richard Hodgson, Joseph C. Hutchinson, Elias N. Moore, Walter S. Money, Joseph B. Deakyne, Lewis Fennemore, Israel A. Harman, Alfred Caulk, Lee Sparks.
(Vote for 3.)

Blackbird Hundred
Samuel C. Derrickson, Harry Woodkeeper, Abram Staats, Charles Shreffler.
(Vote for 2.)

PLENTY OF TOMATOES

The tomato crop of Delaware is a very promising one, and from the estimates of the State Board of Agriculture, it is believed that there are about 15,000 acres of the staple product. Farmers have taken every precaution to prevent the destruction of the crop by blight or any infection, and have systematically sprayed the vines. As a result of the big crop expected and now on, the canning factories are very busy. One firm, name of George, Walls & Anderson, is preparing for a mammoth output and expects to have a capacity of 3,000,000 cans.

REDUCED RATES TO BOSTON

On account of the National Encampment, G. A. R., at Boston, Mass., August 15 to 20, 1904, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Boston, Mass., from all stations on its lines from August 13 to 15, inclusive, at greatly reduced rates. These tickets will be good for return passage, to leave Boston not earlier than August 16, nor later than August 20, inclusive, when executed by Joint Agent at Boston.

Upon deposit of ticket with Joint Agent on or before August 20, and payment of fifty cents, an extension of return limit may be secured to leave Boston to September 30, inclusive.

39 FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS

Thirty-nine families whose property (everything they had in the world) was swept away by the recent fire which devastated the thriving town of Millington, Md., are still homeless.

The relief committee appointed by the Millington commissioners, has made a summary of its work in the devastated town, and while they declare that the situation is brightening and the prospects for rehabitating the little city are good, all the buisness of the town is now being done in temporary board bungalows. Four families, formerly well-to-do people are living in stables while one family is in a chicken house. Some of the more fortunate families have secured temporary living apartments in the residences not in the fire's path, but a number must still continue to live in the tents provided by the governor of the state of Maryland through the commissionary department of the Maryland National Guard.

The committee is still anxious for outside help, not in any measure to reimburse those made destitute by the disaster, but to help and encourage them in providing for themselves and families for the approaching winter.

TOUR TO THE YELLOWSTONE PARK AN PACIFIC COAST

On account of the Triennial Conclav Knights Templars, to be held at S Francisco, Cal., September 5 to 9, t Pennsylvania Railroad Company w run a personally-conducted tour, visiting the Yellowstone Park, the principal cities and beautiful resorts of the Pacific Coast, Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Denver, and the St. Louis Exposition, in addition to affording five days in San Francisco. Tickets, covering every necessary expense en route except hotel accommodations in San Francisco, will be sold at the low rate of $250 from all stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad. A special train of high-grade Pullman equipment will leave New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburg Wednesday, August 17th. The full five and one-half days' tour of the Yellowstone Park will be made, three will be spent at Los Angeles, two days at Colorado Springs, and two days at St. Louis, the party reaching New York, Monday, September 19. Stops for sightseeing will be made at Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Jose, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, and Denver. A descriptive itinerary will be sent on application to George W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

BRING THE MORNING BACK

The dark day, the dark day,
Shadows in the skies;
Come and make the Morning.
Sweetheart, with your eyes!
No gleam there on the clover—
Draperies of black!
Glance the gray world over—
Bring the Morning back!

The dark day, the dark day,
Joy is in eclipse;
Thrill the drooping flowers
With the life that's in your lips!
Dreary are the shadows
In the tempest's track,
Sweetheart, bring the meadows
Of the Morning back!

The dark day, the dark day,
And never bloom or beam!
Sweetheart, sing the sunlight
To the music of a dream!
Storm winds chase the fleet bird
Far from song and sight,
Sweetheart, say the sweet word—
Win the world to light!

ATLANTIC CITY

On Wednesdays, August 10 and 24, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company (Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company) will run special low-rate excursions to Atlantic City via the great Delaware River Bridge Route. A special train will be run on the following schedule, and round-trip tickets will be sold at the rates quoted:—

		Train Leaves.	Rate.
Delmar	Del.	4.20 A.M.	$2.50
Laurel	"	4.30 "	2.50
Seaford	"	4.40 "	2.25
Cannon	"	4.48 "	2.25
Bridgeville	"	4.55 "	2.25
Greenwood	"	5.04 "	2.25
Farmington	"	2.12 "	2.25
Harrington	"	5.23 "	2.00
Felton	"	5.33 "	2.00
Viola	"	5.38 "	2.00
Woodside	"	5.43 "	2.00
Wyoming	"	5.50 "	2.00
Dover	"	5.57 "	2.00
Cheswold	"	6.07 "	2.00
Brenford	"	6.13 "	2.00
Clayton	"	6.21 "	2.00
Townsend	"	6.35 "	2.00
Middletown	"	6.44 "	2.00
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Children between five and twelve years of age, one-half the above rates.

Returning, special train leaves Atlantic City 5.45 P. M.

Tickets will be good only on specia train in each direction.

REDUCED RATES TO LOUISVILLE

On account of the Biennial Encampment, Knights of Pythias, at Louisville, Ky., August 16 to 20, 1903, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Louisville and return, from all stations on its lines, from August 12 to 15, inclusive, at rate of single fare, plus $100, for the round trip. These tickets will be good for return passage to leave Louisville not later than August 31, when validated by Joint Agent at Louisville. Upon deposit of ticket with Joint Agent, not later than August 31, and payment of 50 cents, an extension of returned limit may be secured to leave Louisville to September 15, inclusive.

VETERANS GOING TO BOSTON

Final arrangements are now being made by the members of the Grand Army of Delaware for the trip to Boston, to attend the annual encampment. The encampment will be held the week beginning August 15th, and it is expected Delaware will be well represented. Department Commander William Kelley, Jr., has issued an order concerning the trip. Delaware's headquarters will be in the Beacon Chambers, No. 19 Myrtle street, between Joy and Hancock.

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COMMON PRIMARIES

The Republican County Committee at its meeting last Saturday adopted a resolution requesting the Union Republican County Committee to appoint a committee of five to meet a like committe from the Republican Committee to arrange for a common primary election to nominate candidates for County, Legislative and District Officers. The Chairman of the Union Republican County Committee without consulting his committee replied to this tender by enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted one week prior to the meeting of the Republican Committee, which in substance, was that unless the Republicans of Kent and Sussex Counties agree to common primaries, there shall be two tickets in this county and the Democrats be presented with the control of the County and all its offices.

THE TRANSCRIPT believes that the Chairman of the Union Republican Committee has made a mistake in thus refusing to allow the members of his committee to pass upon the question when it is raised in a direct form rather than as a supposition one that may come up in the future. We feel positive that the Chairman of no other political organization would care to assume the responsibility, even though assured of the unanimous support of his committee.

The resolution of the Union Republicans is full of claims in the preliminary "whereases," none of which have any bearing on the point at issue, viz:—the success of the entire ticket. For the Union Republicans know as well as do the other voters of Delaware, that neither the Union Republican County Committee nor the Republican County Committee of this county, can nor should, in any way influence the action of like committees in the other counties. Nor is there any record of an effort being made by the Union Republicans of Kent and Sussex to reach a fair compromise with the Republicans of those counties. Being unquestionably in the majority it is as much their duty to make the proposition as it was the duty of the Republicans to make it in this county.

What action will be taken now is problematical, as the answer of the Union Republican Chairman is such that there can hardly be definite action. The Republicans have done all they can do. The responsibility for one or two Republican tickets in this County is now on the Union Republicans. As an evidence of the deplorable results to follow two tickets, we call attention to articles in another column from the *Morning News* and *Every Evening*, which are particularly of local interest.

A GOOD ROAD

The Levy Court has awarded the contract for building a new macadamized road 16 feet wide and 8 inches deep, between the eastern boundary of the town of Middletown and the western boundary of Odessa for the sum of $20,500. This seems like a large sum to pay for a road 2 18 miles long, but when it is considered that in the building of the road there will be used about 9,000 tons of stone that will cost nearly $2.00 per ton, the price becomes reasonable. THE TRANSCRIPT has never thought that the best interests of the county would be served by building this road, as our opinion has been that the State road should first be improved and the lateral roads follow. But we are glad to have a specimen of scientific road building in our vicinity, and we would offer a suggestion to the Town Commissioners of Odessa and Middletown. While the contractors have their men, machinery and tools on this road, the main streets of the two towns could probably be put in first-class condition with a comparatively small expenditure.

We know the town of Middletown has no money for work of this kind, but we believe that no better use could be made of the $600 to be received from the road tax than to expend it for this purpose, even though other deserving matters were postponed. It is an opportunity of a decade.

COUNTY DIVISION

"It is well for the voters to consider the consequences that would probably follow a division of New Castle Republicans upon the ticket in this county. Necessarily two county tickets would give the Democrats a strong opportunity for success. They realize this and in some quarters are preparing to seize the opportunity should Republicans be so foolish as to present it. One of the important points of capture would be the New Castle County Levy Court. The present court has made a splendid record. It has made improvements. It is not bankrupt. It promises better in the future even than it has been in the past if the Republicans are permitted to control. Now what is likely to happen should the Democrats ride into power in the county.

"Would we have a return to the regime of the Hon. William A. Scott of Appoquinimink? It looks so. Mr. Scott is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Levy Court Commissoner from the Seventh district which includes Blackbird and Appoquinimink hundreds. He was president of the Levy Court until the Republicans got control. That court was marked by high taxes and extravagance. With the Democrats in power again, it is believed, that Mr. Scott would be chosen president and ride the saddle. His influence apparently is great in his party.

"For some months the Democrats of Blackbird hundred were thoroughly convinced that they were to have the nominee for Levy Court Commissioner of the party. Prominent Democrats of Appoquinimink conceded that it was Blackbird's "choice" and they were ready to agree to a Blackbird hundred man. It has been years and years since Blackbird has been represented in the court. All went well until the ominous rumor floated about Blackbird that Mr. Scott of Townsend, was again to make the fight for the nomination. It was assumed that the party rules would bar him and that Blackbird under the party rules would have the nomination. But the county committee sees otherwise. It declares that either hundred can have the nominee. Appoquinimink, where Mr. Scott lives, has a much larger vote than has Blackbird and Mr. Scott by controlling it can secure the nomination. But then he will have to call upon Blackbird to elect him.

"We believe Blackbird Democrats will resent this continuation of Mr. Scott and the practical shutting out of Blackbird which, in the Levy Court, has been ignored for years. The duty of the Republicans is plain. They should nominate a good strong Republican of Blackbird hundred for Levy Court Commisioner and appeal to the voters irrespective of the party to elect him. The hundred is certainly entitled to a member of the court at least once in a couple of decades. The Democrats should try to defeat Mr. Scott for the nomination and if they cannot do so then let them elect a Republican Levy Court Commissioner as they did a Republican member of the Legislature when the Democrats made the Legislative situation in Blackbird intolerable."—*Morning News.*

LOOK WELL TO THE LEVY COURT

"The taxpayers of New Castle county have no greater concern in the result of the next general election in this county than in the choice of a Levy Court. The terms of all seven members of the present body expire, and an entirely new Levy Court will be chosen at the election of next November.

"The taxpayers of New Castle county well know what their Levy Court was up to a few years ago. Its record was painfully impressed upon the public mind by a tax rate of 80 cents on the $100.

"Likewise, they are well aware of the results that attended a radical reform in the methods of county government during the past few years. These results were made manifest by a gradual reduction of the county tax rate, until it is now only 50 cents on the $100.

"It is a fact that the business of New Castle county may be effectively conducted upon a tax rate of only 40 cents on the $100, and it should be the object of the voters to elect a Levy Court that will bring the tax rate down to these figures, if not to a still lower limit.

"And in order to do this, the people should set aside partisan considerations, when it comes to voting for members of the Levy Court, and extend their favors to good men only, regardless of the party that nominates them.

"Already there are indications that partisan newspaper organs will endeavor to claim for the Republican party all the credit of the good county government which has made such a material reduction in county taxes, but the people should not be deceived by such watery arguments. They should be guided by the experience of the past.

"It is a fact that the extravagant and costly local government, under which the tax rate mounted to 80 cents on the $100, prevailed under both Democratic and Republican auspices. The reign of one party was as corrupt and extravagant as the reign of the other.

"If proof is needed of this assertion, it will be found in the official records of the Court of General Sessions. When the hand of the law reached forth and administered punishment to corrupt members of the Levy Court, the victims comprised one Republican and one Democrat.

"It is, therefore, to men, and not to parties, that the people must look for a continuation of reform methods in their county government. An unfit Republican, or an unfit Democrat, in the Levy Court will be a menace to the public interests. In the hands of good Republicans, or good Democrats, the interests of the public will be safe.

"There are indications that at the approaching election some of the elements which in the past were conspicious for evil results in the county government will endeavor to again obtain a foothold in the Levy Court. Against these elements of evil government the people should be on their guard. They should protest against the nomination of unfit men for the Levy Court, or of men who are tainted with connection with the former extravagant and corrupt bodies, and in the event that these protests are disregarded they should defeat such nominations at the election, whether they are made by the Republican or the Democratic party.

"To speak plainly: If any man who was identified with the former corrupt and extravagant Levy Courts attempts to regain his former position, the tax-payers of his district should instantly rise in arms against him. They should defeat his nomination, if possible. If not, they should resolutely vote against him at the election.

"Party managers who are interested in drawing the full party vote to the support of their entire party ticket should look carefully into this matter. In no surer way will their party ticket be weakened than by suspicious or unfit nominations for the Levy Court.

"This suggestion should bear good fruit before the primary elections of the leading political parties are held. If not, it will be necessary to speak more explicitly hereafter."—*Every Evening.*

[Communicated.]

IS A VOTER A SLAVE?

Is this question a pertinent one, or is it a question of "what are you going to do about it" to quote the words of that Boss Ringster Tweed.

On next Monday, August 8th, the Republican voters of this hundred are requested to cast their votes for delegates to the State Convention to be held at Dover, and the County Committee have named the five men who are to be voted for. Now we ask in all candor, what right have they to name the candidates. Should not these delegates be nominated in a meeting of the voters of the hundred? We have not been informed of any such meeting. If it is in the power of the County Committee to name the delegates, why go to the trouble and expense of holding a primary election? The voters so far as I can learn, have not had an opportunity of expressing their preference. This looks suspicious to us, it looks like ring work of the worst kind. "We, the powers that be, must not let the mass of the voters have any say that will interfere with our cut and dried arrangements. We must hold the strings so we can make our puppets dance as we wish them to."

A great many Republicans (thinking men) are getting tired of this method of doing business. Some are saying to themselves: What difference does it make to us whether we wear a Union Republican collar, or a Regular Republican collar, and there is a danger of all wearing a Democratic collar if these autocratic methods are not changed.

We respect and honor the men who worked faithfully for years to rescue the State from a corrupt Democracy. We do not want to be unjust to them. They did a noble work, a work that has been of inestimable value to the people of our State. All honor to them, but there is danger that greed for office may yet tarnish their glory, and through that greed, stoop to methods as despisable as ever their opponents used.

It should be, and we believe is the desire of our voters to put good men in office, and in all fairness they should be given every possible chance to do so. Is it right that a handful of men can sit back in some office and say "we'll put A, B or C as delegates to this Convention. They are the men *we* want, and we know what the Party wants better than they do themselves. Intelligent voter does it not look that way to you? We repeat, there is danger ahead if the business methods of our County Committee and others in authority are not more open and free from Bossism. We do not propose to wear anybody's collar.

INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN.

WARWICK

Mrs. W. J. Lofland is in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Harry Aikin was in town Monday.

Mrs. Frank S. Cain is entertaining company at the parsonage.

John M. Price has returned home after remaining in Middletown for some time.

CHURCH NOTES

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for tomorrow is "God's guiding hand in our lives. 1 Chron. 29: 10-12; 1-7. (Experience meeting.) Miss Mary Maxwell, Vice President.

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
Personality!

The undersigned, having determined to discontinue carrying on the "Masden" farm near Chesterville, having rented the same, will sell to the highest bidder at this farm on

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1904

at 10 o'clock A. M., the following personal property:

9 HORSES and COLTS

1 is a thoroughbred Advance horse, 5 yrs old; 1 Happy George colt, 5 yrs old; 1 Nutwood colt, 2 years old; others are good farm horses and drivers.

One Pair of MULES
5 YEARS OLD;

10 MILCH COWS

SEVEN FAT STEERS
READY FOR BUTCHERING
2 BULLS, 1 Holstein and 1 Hereford.
22 LARGE HOGS and 17 SHOATS.

FARMING UTENSILS

3 Farm Wagons, 1 Dearborn, 1 Deering Reaper, 2 Mowers, 1 new; 2 Sulky Cultivators, 2 Drills, Fan, Corn Sheller, Randall Harrows, Spring Tooth Harrow, Twin Harrow, Cultivators, Wagon Harness, Plow Harness, Plows, Hoes, Shovels, and other things found on a well-equipped farm.

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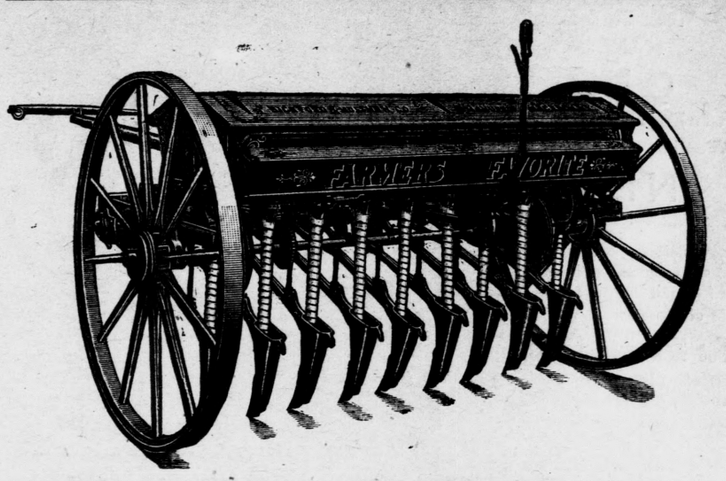

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Our August Sale Begins this Week

Everything Lower Priced. Savings Average a Third. Some Prices Reduced Half.

NEVER before has the vast purchasing power of this store been enabled to serve you so well as in this sale Always planning along progressive lines, we are continually studying how best we can serve you and with improved service always our object we've made ample preparations to supply every need. In this sale we have put forth every effort to make this yearly clearance one of great satisfaction to you, thereby insuring success for ourselves. From every department come genuine economies, uniting to make this store the objective point of all those appreciating true values. Each individual offering is of special importance to some one—perhaps to you. No matter how low the price you'll find our reputation for quality maintained. Worthy goods have made this store Wilmington's greatest bargain centre in our particular field. A visit will easily show an absence of those "specially made to order bargains" of the usual clearence sales and in their stead you'll find nothing but our own regular high-grade stocks. During this month there will be special sales of which due announcement will be given.

Parlor Suits

The Parlor Suite is usually counted the main furnishing of the company room. All the more reason for care in selecting it. Our trade in this particular line has been built on the sturdy honesty of our product. Making these Suites in our own factory you're sure of getting the best of everything in their makeup.

Price:

Five piece Mahogany finish,	$27.00 from	$ 30.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	31.50 from	35.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	36.00 from	40.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	37.00 from	41.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	70.00 from	78.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	90.00 from	130.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	75.00 from	93.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	65.00 from	76.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	51.00 from	60.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	35.00 from	51.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	70.00 from	102.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	85.00 from	102.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	75.00 from	99.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	60.00 from	76.00
Five piece Mahogany finish,	52.00 from	58.00
Three piece solid Mahogany,	70.00 from	160.00
Three piece solid Mahogany,	75.00 from	145.00
Three piece solid Mahogany,	55.00 from	140.00
Three piece solid Mahogany,	73.00 from	139.00
Three piece solid Mahogany,	65.00 from	115.00

—Second Floor.

Sale Reminders

That we will recover your old furniture without charge for labor. All you pay for is the material used.

That ordering now does not bind you to immediate delivery. Your wishes in this matter will be our pleasure.

That all goods are shipped to out-of-town points, charges prepaid.

Choice Carpets and Rugs

"The Soul of The Apartment is the Carpet"—Poe.

Poe concluded that a good judge of Carpet must be a genius. So he would have to be had we not chosen for our trade only the products of such renowned makers as

Alex Smith & Sons, Upson-Martin, Stinson Bros., S. Sanford & Sons, W. & J. Sloane, M. J. Whittal, Roxbury Carpet Co.,

Together with careful selection of qualities you'll find a combination of handsome patterns and beautiful colorings.

The prices for this sale show many savings:

Axministers 85c. from $1.30 the yard
Victoria Brussels $1.25 from $1.50 the yard
Body Brussels $1.10 from $1.35 the yard
Velvet 90c from $1.20
Ten Wire Tapestry 65c from 90c
Nine Wire Tapestry 55c from 80c
Eight Wire Tapestry 50c from 65c
Ten Wire Tapestry 75c from $1

RUGS of the newest designs in all sizes and grades—Wilton, Domestic Orientals, Smyrna, Body Brussels, Tapestry and Kasmir—at 10 per cent. savings.

MATTINGS. Entire line of China Mattings, our own importation, in a vast range of patterns at a reduction of twenty-five per cent. This permits your getting a clean, cool-looking floor covering at a small cost.

—Fourth Floor.

Office Furniture

The combination of comfort and convenience have brought office furniture to its present high standard.

You'll find every convenience and handsome finish in the construction of the line we show.

The reductions:

Roll Top Desks.	Flat Desks.
$46.00 from $57.00	$13.00 from $14.50
52.00 from 64.50	13.50 from 15.00
36.00 from 40.00	15.75 from 17.50
40.50 from 45.00	29.50 from 33.00
25.00 from 31.00	31 50 from 35.00
20.75 from 33.00	9.50 from 10.50
31.75 from 35.00	
46.25 from 57.75	

—Basement.

Couches

Built with a thorough knowledge of how to prevent weak points, our line of couches are proof against wear.

Choice patterns of covers, all colors, full tufted, non-pulling buttons and finely finished frames.

Velour.	Leather.
$13.50 from $15.00	$31.70 from $33.00
23.40 from 26.00	31.50 from 35.00
9.80 from 12.50	36.00 from 40.00
11.70 from 13.00	35.20 from 38.00
14.50 from 15.00	30.60 from 44.00
25.20 from 28.00	45.00 from 50.00
28.80 from 32.00	53.10 from 59.00

—Main Floor.

Hall Furniture

Present day demands, with the reception hall feature in almost every home, have brought hall furniture up to the same standard in style, finish, etc., as that in use in the other rooms of the house.

Prices range:

Hall racks from $9.00 to $50.00

Hall Seats.	Hall Glasses.
$12.60 from $14.00	$10.35 from $11.50
14.40 from 16.00	12.60 from 14 00
12.15 from 13.50	14.40 from 16.00
32.40 from 36.00	16.20 from 18.00
18.00 from 20.00	18.00 from 20.00
	20.70 from 23.00

—Main Floor.

Refrigerators and Chests

A Clearance

Excellent values at the original prices, the discounts allowed during August make them among the greatest bargains of the sale. Savings range to a fourth.

—Main Floor.

Porch Goods

Must move. Season's get shorter and their room's needed. If there's any inducement in small prices they're here for your selection.

—Main Floor.

Bed Room Furniture

Beauty of patterns and substantial construction, combined with such unusual price attractions make these suites bargains extraordinary. The values listed here give an idea of the many savings to be had in this department.

Three piece Suites:	Chiffoniers:			Old Dressers:		Dressing Tables:	
Green Oak $50 from $60	Golden Oak	$ 3.55 from	$ 5.50	Golden Oak	$11.25 from $12.50	Golden Oak	$15 30 from $17.00
Curley Birch $40 50 from $45	Golden Oak	6.25 from	8.50	Golden Oak	15.30 from 17.00	Golden Oak	19.80 from 22.00
Mahogany $135 from $1.75	Golden Oak	9.00 from	10.00	Golden Oak	9.45 from 10.50	Golden Oak	18.90 from 21.00
Tooma $1.25 from $1.50.	Golden Oak	8.10 from	9 00	Golden Oak	12.60 from 14.00	Mahogany	20.70 from 23.00
Mahogany $80 from $113	Golden Oak	18.90 from	21.00	Golden Oak	9.90 from 11.00	Maple	9.90 from 11.00
Walnut $75 from $100	Golden Oak	21.60 from	24.00	Golden Oak	12.15 from 13.50	Curley Birch	13.50 from 15.00
Golden Oak $88.20 from $98	Maple	25.65 from	28.50	Mahogany	37.80 from 42.00		
Golden Oak $90 from $100	Maple	31.95 from	35.50	Mahogany	81.00 from 90.00		
Golden Oak $54 from $60	Mahogany	32.40 from	36.00	Maple	28.18 from 31.50		
Golden Oak 35.10 from $39	Mahogany	28.80 from	32.00	Maple	31.50 from 35.00		
Golden Oak $19.80 from $22	Curley Birch	23.85 from	26.50	Curley Birch	39.70 from 33.00		
Golden Oak $18.00 from $20				Curley Birch	43.20 from 48.00		
Golden Oak $15.30 from $17							

—Third Floor.

Dining Room Furniture

There's something very interesting in this department this month. Setting a lively pace for value-giving and trade-bringing we must naturally keep up to it. That's the reason there will be doings here. To-day introduces a sale in which bargains rule supreme.

Sideboards			China Closets			Extension Tables			Buffets		
Mahogany,	$ 60.	from $ 80.	Golden Oak,	$15.30	from $ 17.	8 ft. oak,	$12.75	from $17.	Golden Oak,	$14.40	from $16.
Mahogany,	85.	from 110.	Golden Oak,	17.10	from 19.	8 ft. oak,	16.	from 24.	Golden Oak,	15.75	from 17.50
Mahogany,	125.	from 165.	Golden Oak,	18.	from 20.	8 ft. oak,	11.50	from 15.50	Golden Oak,	18.	from 20.
Antwerp Fin.,	75.	from 92.	Golden Oak,	26.	from 34.	8 ft. oak,	11.50	from 14.	Golden Oak,	22.50	from 25.
Golden Oak,	36.	from 40.	Golden Oak,	29.	from 36.	8 ft. oak,	6.75	from 8.50	Golden Oak,	28.80	from 32.
Golden Oak,	25.20	from 28.	Golden Oak,	48.60	from 54.	6 ft. oak,	10.35	from 11.50			
Golden Oak,	27.	from 30.	Golden Oak,	60.	from 72.	6 ft. oak,	5.85	from 6.50			
Golden Oak,	16.65	from 18.50	Golden Oak,	80.	from 100.	6 ft. oak,	12.15	from 13.50			
Golden Oak,	14.40	from 16.	Golden Oak,	22.	from 29.	6 ft. oak,	16.20	from 18.			
			Golden Oak,	68.	from 80.	6 ft. oak,	13.95	from 15.50			
						6 ft. oak,	15.	from 20.			
						6 ft. oak,	10.	from 11.50			
						6 ft. oak,	9.45	from 10.50			
						6 ft. oak,	13.05	from 14.50			
						10 ft. oak,	14.	from 24.00			

—Fifth Floor.

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. . . The Adventures of Captain Claude . . .

BY CLINTON DANGERFIELD

THE elder and fatter of my captors flashed his light full on my face with little grunts of satisfaction.

"It is certainly the Vicomte, Jules," he remarked, to the hairy giant who had so ably assisted him; "it is the Vicomte. Our first effort has met with happiest success."

Blinking at them savagely, I sat up. I was bruised and sore from my tussle with the giant who finding desperation made me unpleasantly strong, had requested the fat man to use his club. The latter, who had been worrying my coat like a puffy, pursy terrier, had complied with such good will that the blow on my head stunned me for several moments. When clarity of intelligence returned, I was bound hard and fast and lay on the floor of the little inn, a vine-covered, tiny building situated in the heart of la belle France's most troubled province in those days of 18—.

"Yes, mon ami, the happiest success!" repeated the fat man.

"If your success rests on my being a Vicomte," I said, sneeringly, "you may reverse the work. No Vicomte am I, but a simple Captain in my Emperor's army Ney's division."

The fat man smiled in a superior manner.

"You are the Vicomte Charles Henri Lorraine, brother of Mademoiselle Alix."

"Brother of the devil!" I said, rudely. "I am the brother to no one but myself. My family were all exterminated in the late discriminating efforts of a certain Monsieur Robespierre. I am alone in the world, with no title and no sister—so loose me, and I will promise to let you both off from the drubbing you so richly deserve."

Jules the giant, grinned and said calmly. "We know you well, Vicomte. And your nice brown curls are as pretty as ever."

"If my hair got me in this mess." I said, angrily, "that's soon remedied, idiots that you are! I am wearing a wig. Under it you will find my own crop of short black covering."

They made a hurried investigation.

"C'est vrai," sat the fat man, dismally; "it is not our man at all!"

"And why was monsieur wearing a wig over his own hair?" inquired the giant, in his thin little voice, absurdly out of proportion to his size.

"It's none of your business," I retorted; "yet, that you may not make a mountain out of a molehill, I will tell you that I wear it because I was at a fancy ball last night in X——, and finding myself so changed by the wig, and for the better, too, I resolved as a boyish joke to keep it on and see if my comrades at Paris would know me. I had no desire to resemble your Vicomte, I can assure you!"

"Yet the resemblance is there to a very wonderful degree," observed the fat man, thoughtfully. "Jules, he might do quite as well as the original for our purpose."

"For what purpose?" I inquired, blankly. There was a calm assurance about the speaker which I did not like, a sort of greasy certainty that his own ideas were capital conceptions.

He did not answer me.

"Eh, Jules?" he queried.

"Why not?" said the giant, laconically. "For what purpose?" I shouted. "How dare you discuss me in this manner?"

"Monsieur need not excite himself," said the fat man, politely. "If monsieur will agree quietly to array himself in the suit which I shall bring, then monsieur shall have an explanation."

After some parleying I agreed, and under the cover of a pair of pistols in Jule's hands I disrobed completely and got into a new suit of clothes, beginning with the finest body-linen with an embroidered crest on it, and ending with a very elegant suit that fitted me amazingly.

"But monsieur is handsome in that dress!" observed the fat man, rubbing his palms together. "Monsieur's fine figure is set off to perfection! And monsieur should congratulate himself on that wig—it is so natural, so absolutely a copy of the Vicomte's admired curls!"

"Curls be damned?" I said, sulkily. "Now will you explain?"

"Monsieur forgets," returned the other, civilly, "that he promised to remain as he was before. Jules would much rather tie your hands, monsieur, than perforate you with one of these balls. Yet if perforate he must—he never misses. Cut the button, Jules, from my sleeve here."

He held up his arm with admirable coolness, and Jules, with a yet mere admirable steadiness of nerve, fired ond one of the under buttons fell to the floor.

After that little exhibition, I was fain to keep the promise extorted, and allowed my hands to be rebound. There was no use calling for help. The fat man was the inn's Boniface, and had the whole lonely little place to work his will in. I trusted rather to a chance of escape later on, for they could scarcely intend me serious harm by this enforced masquerade. So I reasened, but literally without my host. For no sooner were my hands fastened than Jules and his adviser fell on me, and in three minutes, despite my violent struggles and protests, had me tied hard and fast to a long bench near the fire place.

"Monsieur ought not to have so-disarranged all his costly ruffles," reproached the Boniface, panting as he sat himself down before me. "Fortunately, however, I have straightened out monsieur's suit again, and he looks quite comme il faut."

"Your explanation?" I asked, fiercely.

Boniface rubbed his hands. "Assuredly! Name of a pig, did one ever know Gratien to fail of his word? Repose yourself, Jules, while I make the affair clear to monsieur. You see, monsieur, but, mille pardons, might I be so honored as to know monsieur's name?"

"I am Capt. Claude Garenne, bound to Paris on leave of absence," I said.

"A thousand thanks! I proceed to show Monsieur le Capitaine our difficulty. We have a master who, when he desires anything, must have it."

"Indeed!"

"But I assure monsieur now our master is in love with Mademoiselle Alix, sister of the Vicomte. He, our master, has paid court to this lady. Failing to interest her, he once attempted to carry her off, for Paris is far away and this province given over to what we call the high hand just now. Unfortunately, his attempt failed.

"Now, warned by the first attempt of her danger, mademoiselle keeps closely to her castle. His Sacred Majesty, the Emperor, has drawn so many men from the province, mademoiselle's brother among them, that she, being an orphan, has to protect herself. As she is very rich and has plenty of servants devoted to her, this is not so hard as it might seem. She is quite sure that when her brother returns he will run his sword through her too impetuous lover, and so she does not mind temporary confinement.

"And meanwhile, our master says to Jules and me, 'Find some way to draw that lady from her stronghold. Gold for you if you do, a beating if you don't'—and Monsieur le Baron can beat very hard!"

"Oh, he's a man of rank, too?"

"Assuredly! One of the Emperor's creations. Mademoiselle Alix has been reported to consider that he smells of newness."

"What has this rigamarole to do with me?" I questioned, with renewed irritation.

"It has much to do with Monsieur le Capitaine," said the Boniface, calmly smoothing his knee with one hand, "When monsieur arrived here to-night, both Jules and I thought we beheld the brother of mademoiselle. At once we said to each other: 'Here is our chance! We will convey the body of the Vicomte ——'"

"The body!" I exclaimed.

"Assuredly—the body. We would convey the body of the Vicomte to his sister. Of necessity there would follow a funeral; the Lorraines are great believers in ceremony. Mademoiselle, in burying her brother, would cease to think of her lover, and, at the side of the tomb, Monsieur le Baron would appear and claim his desire, with an armed force behind him."

"You dared not have planned such cold-blooded villainy!"

"But why not!" inquired Gratien. "We did not intend to let the Baron be troubled with details. We would simply furnish the Vicomte's body to mademoiselle, and then inform the Baron of his approaching opportunity. He will avail himself—never fear!"

"Do you mean," I asked, hoarsely, doubting my own ears, "that you will murder me and put me in her brother's place?"

"Murder—that is a rude word," said Gratien, composedly. "Monsieur will simply drink a little glass, un petit verre de vin—et voila tout!"

"Be sure I shall drink nothing from your hands," I said, desperately.

"We see," returned Gratien, unruffled.

Had I not, as a mere youth, passed through the unspeakable horrors of the Revolution, I might have thought it absolutely impossible that any man could deal so coldly with a fellow creature's death. But, alas! I knew, as men of later generations will never know, the shadow of the human heart. Gratien pulled a bell rope and there entered a woman, taller than he, a lank tigress with great hollow eyes and a cruel mouth. I appealed to her with all the eloquence at my command. In return she smiled, and I felt that her amusement was indeed my death warrant. Jules alone, of the trio, seemed to have some touch of humanity. Declaring that he had no wish to be there any longer, he stalked out, saying they might call him if he were needed.

Gratien inquired whether his powders were ready, and as the woman told him they only needed mixing, and then stood guard over me, he rolled of in search of his poisons. No sooner was he gone, however, than a strange change came over the woman's face. She stooped over me, half whispering lest she be overheard. "Listen," she said; "if I show you a way out of this, will you kill the Baron at the tomb where he hoped to secure that fool whom they call lovely?"

"By heaven, I will serve you to the death," I choked.

"Listen then. As this master of ours desires love, so do I, who once gave him my love, desire revenge! See me now—you would think me old, would you not? Yet I should be in my prime but for having seen my life turn to ashes, but for having the fruit of joy become dead seamud, salt and bitter in my month. Through me he failed before, through me he shall fail again. The draft they bring you shall mean only stupefaction—I shall see to that. And when you awake——"

"When I awake in the confines of a grave," I shuddered, "what can I do?"

"Control yourself," she said, sternly. "You will come back to life before any such fate can befall you. Then when you have made all clear to her, do you disguise some maid of hers and let her follow an empty coffin, weeping. When she and a handful of women are at the tomb, he will come—and——"

"Then it will be my turn," I interrupted, eagerly.

"No, mine! For he shall die, and I shall have killed him!"

"And yet," I shuddered, "if I should not recover consciousness in time, if I should smother underground——"

"Ask Gratien to kill you then," she scoffed; "beg for a dagger through your throat that you may be quite sure of dying now!"

"Do but loose me," I implored, "and I will kill a dozen men for you."

"I am no such blunderer," she said, contemptuously. "We must work intelligently—nor will I be cheated of my wish simply to forward your ends."

Dubious as her plan was, she would hear no other, and so I tried to be thankful; though when I thought how hard it was to calculate the effects of a narcotic, I almost felt that that unbearable agony underground would prove a certainty.

Back came Gratien with his draught, and I had wit enough to refuse it. With his first touch of impatience he sent the woman for Jules; apparently he had explicit confidence in her. And his confidence might have been justified save in this one instance. But what man shall dare to reckon the humors of a woman scorned?

Jules was not long in coming. At the very last. I tried to reason with them.

"It will be evident that I was poisoned," I warned, desperately.

"Pas du tout," said Gratien, patiently; "a quick death and an unexpected one, by heart-disease, has long been the inheritance ot the Vicomes of Lorraine.,'

He bent over me as he spoke, and Jules came forward at a sign.

I remembered but little of what followed after I swallowed the contents of Gratien's petit verre, perhaps because the action of the narcotic was so swift, and I was so soon in that terrible world of dreams begotten by opiates. I have read of flowery visions which spring from such doses, but mine were not like this. I passed through one horror after another untill they reached the culminating point of hideousness when I found myself beating the walls of that last narrow prison which in the end is each man's cell.

Most frantically did I writhe and, as well as the cruelly close space would permit, hammered against that lid which I knew would never rise to admit the blessed, blessed light of the common sunshine I had so long despised.

As the knowledge of my awful fate was born keenly in upon me, as my hands tore at my own flesh, my pent soul bubbling at my very lips for escape—I awoke!

Awoke in a stately room and wide, a room filled to overflowing with such clean and wholesome air as a man might breathe joyously; awoke to stretch out my trembling arms and find that my dream was only a shadow from that hellish possibility which I had so happily escaped.

At first, in the flood of delicious relief, I could only lie there and breathe and breathe.

Moonlight poured in from two great windows, falling in twin pools on the floor besides the velvet pall on which I lay. With this mingled the dim radiance from the two silver lamps which burned at my head and feet. Moon-ray and lamp-ray were alike reflected from half a dozen jeweled orders which were fastened on my breast; but my own face, because of a great stand of flowers beside me, was largely in shadow.

On my breast were pinned decorations doubtless belonging to the house of Lorraine, which had been added as a last tribute to the last scion of that ancient family.

Outside the wind stirred faintly, casting fitfully against the window a spray from the climbing roses; then a footfall light as the wind, approached, and hurriedly I refolded my hands in the semblance of one at rest forever, and half closed my anxiously watchful eyes.

There entered a slender, womanly figure, clouded all in black except for the glory of her red-gold hair that would not subdue itself to mourning hues, but rather caught the moonlight and made a halo round her troubled, beautiful face. She had interrupted her vigil to go in search of more flowers, and now came slowly toward me with four or five great red roses crushed against her breast.

"You never loved the white flowers, dear," I heard her whispering, "and you shall have the crimson you always preferred."

Closer she crept and closer, to the subtle music of her own low tones. But at my side, composure left her and she flung herself on my breast, her head lying on my shoulder and her rounded bosom heaving against mine with the violence of her sobs, while I lay breathless, striving for marble stillness lest I should too rudely startle her by stirring too soon.

One hand was still clasping the crimson roses, the other stretched out and caught the pillow where my head rested; otherwise she might have touched the warmth of my neck and face and have learned the truth. I felt the breath from her mouth fresh and pure as the breath of the flowers themselves.

Presently the agony of her sobs ceased; she grew quite still, and, not daring to delay longer, I whispered as softly as I could, "Alix!"

Instantly she raised herself, yet still hung over me. I felt her tremble with the terror of one whom the supernatural has touched.

"Alix!" I breathed again.

"Brother?" she gasped. "Did you call to me from heaven—or are you living?"

"I live," I answered, quietly, in composed tones, opening my eyes full on her. "I am quite safe!"

She did not scream out her joy as other women would have done; she gave no vent to it at first in words, but, clasping her hands, she gazed down on me with such a holy exaltation in her face that I felt greatly ashamed, as though I had spied upon an angel.

Raising myself on one elbow, I smiled up at her, meeting her gaze fully and bringing my own face into the light.

"Yes, I live," I repeated, "and I have much to tell you, dear Alix."

She bent toward me fearfully.

"Charles," she gasped, "you died once, and death has so changed you—you are not the same, my brother—you are not the same!"

I saw the terror growing on her, the terror that sprung from her instant perception that whatever might be the physical resemblance, it was not her brother's spirit which spoke with her. Her exquisite perceptions were not to be deceived. She rose to her full height, shrinking back from the pall where I lay as though she feared she knew not what.

Instantly I arose also, as much myself, thank God, as ever, and slipping an arm around her, I drew her very quietly down beside me on the pall, and as we two sat there I told her, choosing my words as well as I could, that her brother was well and safe, thought I was not he; and then I gave her the whole story.

The intuitions that warned her of my masquerade now inclined her to believe in me with an implicit confidence which a worldly woman would have considered childish ignorance; but there is a heavenly wisdom granted to some souls which enables them to read men and women as though all their spirits stood naked, and when I had finished, her hand rested in mine and her promise to be guilded by me was given.

On my oath to that worn creature who had saved me, I did not tell her. I merely said I would read the Baron such a lesson at the tomb that she need fear for neither herself nor her brother. And together we two finished the vigil which was to have been beside my dead body, the lamps burning dimly beside us as we there, talking and planning while the rose-sprays tapped fitfully against the windows.

Never had man a prettier day for his funeral than I! Hidden behind a clump of trees near the desolate cemetery, I admitted as much to myself, and whispered it to the armed men waiting my word, who grinned and echoed it among themselves.

The cortege seemed long in coming, but it arrived at last, with the faithful maid a woman of forty years, masquerading as her mistress and weeping quite energetically under her long veil.

The little band, chiefly women and old men, gathered decorously around the yawning grave, and at the word of the priest the stone-filled coffin was duly lowered and the clods thrown on. I had been through so much that the service affected me not at all; I was filled with a mocking anticipation of the Baron's arrival, which he wisely timed for the very moment the mourners were turning from the grave.

Patiently I bided my time. I saw him seize the maid's gloved hand. I heard, while she in vain tried to wrench it away—I heard the senesehel cry "shame" on him, and order him to lose the lady. I waited till the insolent lover had bidden the old servant to seek a new mistress in hell, for that Alix was his, under the marriage ceremony or not as he might choose, and then I burst from the thicket.

The Baron was a tall man and a hardened one, but he went white at the sight of me, whom his own trusted servants had shown him quite dead. Behind him I saw the gaping and dismayed features of the worthy Gratien and his familiar, both utterly startled out of their former smooth self possession. And well they might be, for Gratien knew the deadly power of the drug he thought I had taken.

To do the Baron justice, he was a brave man. He wasted no words on the situation, for it was well known how the Vicomte loved his sister and hated her impudent suitor.

His sword was out of its sheath on the instant, and without giving me time to arrange the duel with which I expected to settle the affair, he shouted at Jules to guard the lady, to the remainder of his men a command to "scatter the Lorraine hounds," and as brisk a scuffle followed as one might desire to see, for he had a fair-sized following with him, and I as many men for myself.

But he went down, cursing and blaspheming. His lips, which had made so many false promises, were red with his own life-blood rising from the fatal sword-thrust I gave him, and as he fell his own men turned and fled—all but the too fleshy Gratien, who tripped over a twisted vine on a low grave and was promply laid by the heels. His master died damning him for a miserable traitor, but Gratien gave scant heed to the awful words of the man he had served. For he was too busy crawling at my feet, begging for life, life under any conditions, so that he might but live. All the happy philosophy he had exercised over my supposed death had totally disappeared, and his baggy cheeks were pasty white as he babbled for mercy.

"Monsieur cannot forget," he besought, wringing his fat fingers, "with what distinction I treated monsieur when he honored my poor inn! Monsieur seems amazed, but surely he recalls how he was arrayed in new clothes at my own expense, how respectfully all his requests were complied with, even though that pig of a Jules, who never appreciates the true aristocracy, grew villainously impatient. I forget the poison? Oh, surely, monsieur did not really think that was poison, that petit verre which was but intended to keep monsieur out of harm's way until he could make this so grand denouement over that parvenu, the Baron, for whom no one could have any regret!"

I nearly laughed outright; then, remembering what I had endured, especially how much of that same petit verre had gone down my windpipe, I drew one of my pistols and leveled it at my former host.

"I shall be sorry to perforate you," I said, slowly, quoting his own words, "but I never miss, and I dare say it won't hurt you much. I shall do it with the utmost consideration."

He uttered a howl that echoed through the scrubby growth around the cemetery.

"Monsieur would not do that; monsieur could not do that! Name of a pig, an aristocrat like monsieur could not afford to shoot a poor, inoffensive innkeeper who has not a drop of purple blood in him—monsieur would not disgrace himself."

"Oh, well, if you'd rather be hanged here and now," I said, turning away. "Here, men—a rope!"

But he darted after me with astonishing agility, and was at my feet again, beseeching me to wait one moment, that the Lady Alix would intercede for him.

The supposed Alix came forward, throwing up her veil, while Gratien gazed in horror on her hard and withered face. Time had not dealt gently with this Abigail. The unlucky innkeeper uttered a shriek of dismay.

"Name of a name," he wailed, "the face of an owl with indigestion! Now I am indeed lost; there is none to move monsieur's clemency."

This time I did shout with laughter, and the whole company except the maid echoed it. How could I help seeing the humorous side of things with the sweet wine of life dancing in my veins and that glorious demoiselle waiting my return? I kicked the fat sinner away from me.

"Take yourself off," I said; "but if any one ever comes to harm in that house of yours I will string you up at your own door-sill. Stay," I added, as he sprang up; "you shall carry one-half of the litter that bears your master's body home to his own disgraceful fireside."

So speaking, I turned away. No fear of any evil consequences from the Baron's death disturbed me. I was high in favor at court for a personal service rendered the Empress, and I had witnesses enough of the attemped seizure of the demoiselle.

Back to the castle I went, casting my brown curls aside, and with them most of my good looks. But though Alix and I have long been man and wife, has never complained of this.

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7.43	8 43	. . .	3 15	3.58	7.07	. . .	New Castle	. .	8.27	9.51	10 9	2.32	. . .	6.34
f 7.48	h 8 47	. . .	f 3.20	. . .	f 7.11	. . .	State Road	. .	f 8 21	. .	f 10 54	f 2.27	. . .	f 6.29
f 7.53	f 8.52	. . .	f 3 25	. . .	7.16	. . .	Bear	. .	f 8.16	. . .	f 10 49	f 2.22	. . .	f 6.24
7.58	n 8.58	‖ 11.21	f 3.30	4 13	7.21	. .	Porter	. .	m8.11	n 9.39	n10.44	f 2.17	n 4.32	m6.19
8.03	9 02	†11.24	f 3 35	. . .	7.25	. .	Kirkwood	. .	8.06	. .	10 39	2.12	. . .	6 14
f 8.06	f 9.05	. . .	3.38	. . .	. . .	. .	Canal	. .	f 8.01	. . .	. .	f 2.07	. . .	f 6.10
8.11	9.10	. . .	f 3 3	. . .	f 7.33	. .	Mt. Pleasant	. .	7.56	. . .	†10 31	2.02	. . .	6.06
f 8.15	h 9 13	. . .	3.47	. . .	f 7 37	. .	Armstrong	. .	f 7.52	. . .	. .	f 1.59	. . .	f 6 02
8.21	9.19	11.38	3. 3	4 32	7.41	12.36	Middletown	4.29	7.48	9 22	10.24	1.55	4 17	5 8
831	ul 9 27	. . .	. . .	ul1.41	7 51	. . .	Townsend	. .	7 39	u9.13	10 16	1.46	u4 08	5.49
f 8 35	h 9.31	. . .	. . .	. . .	f 7.55	. . .	Blackbird	. .	f 7.34	. . .	f 10 11	f 1.41	. . .	f 5 44
f 8.40	h 9 35	. . .	4.19	. . .	f 7 59	. . .	Gr'n Spring	. .	f 7 29	. . .	. .	f 1 36	. . .	f 5 39
8.47	x 9 40	11 55	4.19	x 4 55	9 05	12 55	Clayton	4.08	7.25	x 9 00	9 08	1.32	x 3 5	5.35
8.37	9.30	11.45	4.09	4 45	7 55	. . .	Smyrna Lv.	. .	7.15	8 57	9 53	. .	3 45	5.25
f 8.52	h 9 45	. . .	4.24	. . .	f 8.10	. . .	Brenford	. .	f 7.19	. . .	9.57	1.36	. . .	f 5.19
f 8.57	f 9.50	. . .	f 4.2	. . .	f 8.15	. . .	Cheswold	. .	f 7 14	. . .	f 9.52	f 1.21	. . .	f 5.24
f 9.00	. . .	. . .	4.32	. . .	. . .	. . .	Dupont	. .	7.06	. . .	. . .	f 1.18	. . .	. . .
9.07	9 59	12.10	4.40	5 12	8 28	1.14	Dover	2.50	f 7.01	8 42	. .	9 44	1.13	3 38	5 15
9.13	10.05	f 12.16	4 46	5 19	8.29	1.22	Wyoming	2.43	6 56	8 36	9 36	9 26	1 06	3.2	5.18
f 9.19	h 10 11	. . .	4 52	f 5 25	f 8 38	. . .	Woodside	. .	6 50	f 8 29	9.29	f 12 59	1 00	3 2	5 01
f 9.23	h 10.15	. . .	4 5	f 5.29	f 8.39	. . .	Viola	. .	6 45	f 8.25	9 24	f 12. 5	. . .	f 4 6
9.28	10 20	12.27	5 01	5 34	8.44	1.36	Felton	2.28	6 40	8.20	9 19	12 51	3 20	4 2
9.48	10 31	12.39	5 10	5 46	8.54	1.46	Harrington	2.18	6 32	v 8.12	9 11	12 42	3.11	o 1 43
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f 9.50	f 10.38	. . .	f 5.53	f 9.01	. . .		Farmington	. .	. .	f 8.00	f 12.3	. .	f 4 38	
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10.08	10 53	1.00	6 08	9.16	2.08		Bridgeville	1.46	. .	7.45	8 41	12.17	2 47	4 11	
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